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THE CROPS.

The crops generally are very good and
fairly well advanced in most districts.
At some points this crop is said to be
the best since 1887. The English crop is poor
owing to hot sun and dry weather. All
the reports from England confirm this
statement, and there appears now to be
very little doubt that the European wheat
crop is a failure.

The Western spring wheat crop is look-
ing up owing to late rains, though reports
from Kansas say the state average will be
about ten bushels per acre. Altogether
the prospects for better prices for our own
crop is improving. The season, also with
the late spring and rainy June, is described
by old settlers as being exactly similar to
the seasons ten or twelve years ago, when
early frosts were unknown.

HAYING.

By H. NEWMARSH.
The saving of enough hay of first quality,
I take it, is as important as the saving of
a grain crop in good order. The first re-
quirements are a good mowing machine in
working order, with the knives sharp and
the gears well oiled, a self-dumping hay-
rack, and a knife sharp and of some mod-
ern style. Have your racks, wagons and
fences all ready for work before com-
mencing. The best time to cut is when in
full blossom or shortly after—usually in
this country about the 15th to 25th July.
I find a two-horse rake is preferable to a
one-horse, as the two horses walk faster,
and are far handier in "bunching," besides
being able to take a wider sweep, and so
get over more ground in a given time.

I stack on a platform made of logs laid
on the ground, and then rails laid across
them, thus raising the hay at least a foot
from the ground, and also allowing a free
current of air to pass under the hay—no
hay is wasted in this way. It is a rough-
and-ready adaptation of the Old Country
"stables" or "hick-land."

To cut and stack fifty tons should not
in decent weather, take more than three
weeks with one team and two men. I
prefer to cut for a day, then rake up as
soon as dew is off on the following morn-
ing and "bunch" it, and then cock it well
in big cocks; then cut again, rake, bunch
and cock as before. By this time, if the
weather has been good, the first lot should
be fit to haul. Haul and stack until
you have now cut, then go on mowing
again. I prefer oblong stacks well
tramped, and as high as it is possible to
make them; lay a couple of sticks across
the apex (or ridge) of the stack, and if it
has been well-stacked you should have
good, sweet-smelling, green hay. The
sides of a stack should bulge out a little,
until about three-fourths up, then be
drawn in regularly to a moderately sharp
peak in the centre. In building your
stack "keep the middle full" and well
tramped, so that when it settles the sides
will sink more than the centre, thus
throwing the rain off perfectly. Rake
down the stacks after settling a few days,
and also, if necessary, pull out any ugly
corners or bulges on the sides. Almost
every kind of wild grass in this country
makes good hay for stock, but for horses
Scotch (or thatch) grass is generally con-
sidered the best, while for cows red-top
carries off the palm. Strunk grass and
red root are the only two kinds I know of
that are worthless. Young weeds are con-
sidered excellent for milking cows, and
seem somewhat similar to green corn in
taste, while old, ripe weeds are inferior to
good, bright straw. Where a large quan-
tity of hay is required the hay-loader and
horse-fork can be used with economy and
profit, and on level ground I have seen
the horse fork and stacker put up sev-
eral stacks in a day, with very little manual
labor; but for amounts up to fifty tons,
the first cost of these tools would be too
great to enable the farmer to obtain a suf-
ficient interest in his investment.

WEEDS AND THISTLES.

The New West Farmer has an article in
his July number on "Weed Inspection,"
from which the following is taken: "Nox-
ious weeds are now a serious menace to
the prosperity of this country and the
extent of it is that they have without ex-
ception been imported among seed or feed
from their native haunts. Ignorance and
carelessness are accountable for their pres-
ence and spread here. The same cause
will facilitate their spread in districts new

clean or only very slightly tainted. It
should be the special aim of farmers' feed-
tunes and similar associations to dissemi-
nate such ignorance without delay, and fill
the imperfect machinery is improved every
year, and should be called on to qualify
himself properly for discharging this part
of his public duty and to do it with all
possible diligence. One of the simplest
ways of doing that duty would be to
place a farm on which a patch of French
weed is found, warning chance travellers
to keep away; and if possible cut off gen-
eral traffic from the public road on which
any French weed has been allowed to take
Such a quarantine is no more than the ac-
cessories of the case demands and the men
who have set to in earnest to deal with the
pest will not be the last to approve of
much more severe and expensive measures
than say that have yet been taken to keep
new districts clear of the pest which has
practically rendered worthless whole
farms on which it has been allowed to take
hold. To seed down in grass once is
the only way of preventing these weeds
stricken areas from contaminating the
whole of the rest of the country. When
will this be seen to?"

THE STATE TURNED BARKEEPER.

An interesting experiment in temperance
legislation was inaugurated on July 1
in the State of South Carolina. That
experiment is the absolute monopoly of
the liquor traffic by the Government.
About 70 per cent. of the people of the
state are negroes, and more than 90 per
cent. of the population are native born
Americans. The total population of the
state three years ago was 1,151,142. There
are thirty-five counties in the state, in six
of which prohibition by local option op-
erates. The new system does not interfere
with local option. The twenty-nine coun-
ties where the field for the operation of the
new law is the field for the operation of the
protection contained in the constitution, on
penalty, or state liquor store, and on one
one, with two exceptions. Those excep-
tions are Charleston and Columbia. The
former, with a population of about fifty-
five thousand, is allowed ten dispensaries,
and the latter, with about fifteen thou-
sand, is allowed three dispensaries. There
are no other duties of much value in the
state. None of this liquor can be drunk
on the premises.

CHOLERA AGAIN.

Philadelphia, July 18.—It is reported at
the health office that a member of the crew
of the steamer Alleghany from Cetta,
France which was detained at the Break-
water quarantine yesterday, was suffering
from a disorder which showed symptoms
of cholera. The physicians who exam-
ined the man pronounced the case suspicious
and ordered the patient isolated until it
was positively determined by them
whether or not it was a case of cholera.
The patient will be detained until the mar-
itime hospital physicians are satisfied on
this point.

THE NUMBER THREE.

When the world was created we find
land, water and sky; sun, moon and stars;
Nash had but three sons. One of them
passed three days in the tomb. Peter de-
clined his Saviour thrice. There were three
Paradises. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
Abraham entertained three Angels;
Samuel was called three times. "Simon,
dost thou love me?" was repeated three times.
Daniel was thrown into a den with three
lions, for praying three times a day. The
ten commandments were delivered on the
third day. Shadrach, Meshach and Abie-
nego, were rescued from the flames of the
oven. Yob had three friends. St. Paul
speaks of faith, hope and charity, these
three. Those famous dreams of the baker
and butler were to come to pass in three
days; and Elijah prostrated himself three
times on the body of the dead child. Sam-
son decaved Melcham three times before
she discovered the source of his strength.
The sacred letters on the cross are I.H.S.,
so also the Roman motto was composed of
three words, "In Hoc Signo." There are
three conditions for man; the earth, hell
and heaven; there is also the Holy Trinity.
In mythology there were the three graces;
and the nine muses sprang from three.
In warfare we have male, female and off-
spring; morning, noon and night. These
spring their leaves in three's; there is the
three leaved clover. Every ninth wave is
a ground swell. We have fish, flesh and
fowl. The majority of mankind die at
thirty. What could be done in mathe-
matics without the aid of the triangle?
Witness the power of the wedge; and in
logic three's prevails are indispensable.
And it is a common phrase that "three is
a lucky number."

THE RESPONSIBILITY.

Chicago, July 18.—The jury investi-
gating the cold storage disaster yesterday
returned the following verdict after brief
consideration: "We, the jury, find that
the deceased came to death from the fire of
the cold storage building at the World's Fair
grounds on July 10, 1893; and we, the jury,
find from the evidence presented that
Chas. A. McDonald, secretary-treasurer of
the Hercules Iron works; John B. Skinner,
president of the Hercules Iron works; J. D.
H. Burnham, director of works of the
World's Fair, and Edward Murphy, fire
marshall of the World's Fair are depart-
ment, be held to the grand jury for crim-
inal negligence and until discharged by
the courts of law." The indicted men did
not give bail last night, but will be ex-
pected in court to-day. Director of works
Burnham said: "This is a great surprise
to me. I was never officially notified of
the unsafe condition of the cold storage
tower and engineer Shanklin never re-
ported the tower as dangerous."

CHICAGO, July 18.—A Chicago paper to-
day published the following: "Manitoba
has applied to Dominion Commissioner
Larkin for space in the Canadian exhibit in
the agricultural building to exhibit No. 1
hard wheat."

New York, July 18.—Frank Ryan, who
has the reputation of being a tough, killed
John J. McDonald, 54 years of age, a most
valuable man, in a place called last night.
Ryan escaped after the fatal blow had
been struck, and McDonald died in Bos-
ton's hospital.

Orangeville, July 18.—Rev. J. C. Fin-
gan, Baptist minister, has been in Orangeville
for one year for misconduct while stationed
here. He passed himself off as an unmar-
ried man and paid attention to girls here.
He had a second wife who he married last
year ago and who had a child five
months after marriage.

Toronto, July 18.—A dispatch from
MacKenzie Island, Michigan, states that a
young woman, named Lillian Souther, a
native of Petrolia, Ont., died there
yesterday in consequence of being unable
to bear the distress of being "faced" last
Friday night by a soldier named Wm.
Badgley. Letters written by her revealed
her motive and Badgley's crime, and her
body and Badgley's face shows the violence
of the struggle that took place. Badgley
is in custody and awaits the result of the
coroner's inquest. He was found last
night in the hold of a Canada's bound
steamer. Talk of lynching Badgley has
been prevalent among the other soldiers.

LIPPENTOTT.

(From our own Correspondent.)
An open meeting of the P. O. F. was held
in the City Hall school house on the even-
ing of the 17th July. Mr. A. Montgomery
in the chair. The first speaker, Mr. B. H.
Small, read a paper showing the disad-
vantages of this country are laboring
under by the present protective tariff.
The second speaker, Mr. McClure, dwelt
to some considerable length on the tariff
question, and frequently made some good
points. He stated that he was one of the
first pioneers of the country. He had
undergone through the plague of the grass-
hoppers and the plague of the McKenle
Government, and was now facing the
plague of the National Policy, the worse
plague of them all.

Mr. J. Diamond was the next on the
programme with a well prepared paper
which he claimed to be facts and figures,
showing where the poor man is discrim-
inated against. The speaker frequently
stated that he was neither a liberal nor
conservative, still he bore down some-
what on the present administration, and
he on one present member. Mr. Dia-
mond claims that he has only counted out
of his shelf. He will be a terror to evil
doers when he gets full feathered, as he spoke
about three hours, and would have been
speaking yet if the chairman had not
called him to time.

Mr. D. Simpson when coming forward
was very loudly applauded. He stated
that owing to the lateness of the night he
would not take up much of their time.
He considered that the meeting was too
political and thought the previous speak-
ers might have said more on the aims and
objects of the order.

Mr. J. Clarke, when called on said the
meeting was not what he expected it to
be, as he thought politics should not be
brought into the order.

Mr. J. Black gave a house warming, and
I tell you it was warm. Nevertheless it
was a grand success.
Quite a number of pike are being caught
in the Pipestone by some of our local
sportsmen.

Crops are doing fine, need a little more
rain soon.
The reason Sandy forgot the strychnine
was because he had a girl on the brain.
What did Mac throw the egg on Joe's
back for?
What did the Elkhorn people pick out
all the best of the cake for?
How did Sandy come to run in the fat
man's race?
Why did Whiskers get second prize?
It was Tough and not Shorty who took
Queerfellow's hay.

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